IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first full paragraph of Specification page 19 with the following replacement paragraph:

— As shown, increasing the number of characters being searched at the same time does not change the number of states or nodes of the underlying DFA. Increasing the number of characters being searched does, however, increase the number of arcs in the DFA, since there are more reachable states from a given starting state. Increasing the number of characters being searched by each row of CAM 304 also increases the number of CAM entries that are required in order to cover all of the different possibilities. Depending on the regular expression being searched and the number of characters or bytes being searched at the same time, the corresponding number of entries may exceed the physical number of CAM entries. —